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REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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The following is a response to the Notification of Defective Response mailed November 8, 2007, in the above-identified patent application, a copy of which is attached.

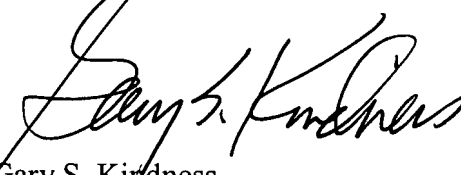
The Notification of Defective Response stated that the fifth inventor's signature was missing from the previously submitted declaration. Applicants respectfully disagree. The fifth inventor's signature was included; however, it was inadvertently written in the wrong location. In this regard, attached is a copy of the individual declarations signed by the six inventors identified in this application. For ease of execution, the declarations were separately signed by the inventors and submitted for merger in this application. The enclosed copies are submitted in the order the inventors were identified in the declaration. The inventors' signatures have been highlighted and flagged. The first, second, third, fourth, and sixth inventors signed in the appropriate location on their respective declarations, i.e., below their typed name, residence, and mailing address information. Unfortunately, the fifth inventor, Haruhiro Kikkawa, incorrectly signed below inventor Shunichi Oshima's typed name, residence, and mailing address information. Since the error is self-evident, applicants request that the previously submitted declarations be accepted. In this regard, applicants' undersigned attorney notes that all of the inventors are Japanese citizens with residences in either Hong Kong or Japan. Due to location

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problems, the original Declarations were separately signed. In addition to the location problems, difficulties were encountered regarding the wording of the declarations and contacting and obtaining the necessary signatures. The undersigned attorney believes it may be difficult to locate the "fifth inventor" and to obtain a further signature in the correct location on a supplemental declaration. As a result, applicants request that the minor deficiency in the originally-submitted declarations be waived and the declarations be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

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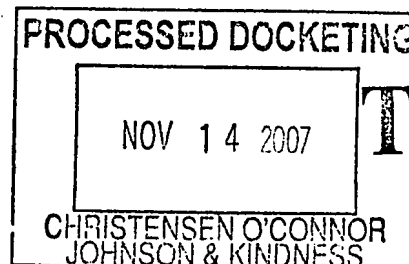


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DOCKETED NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/20/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 07/20/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/20/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/20/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 03/28/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/20/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/20/2005



Applicant's response filed 03/28/2006 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 02/17/2006 have not been completed.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - The fifth inventor's signature is missing.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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